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 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	17	-20	19 **	0	LG=\$50 SM=\$25	\$50	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	2	-3	2 ***	0	LG=\$210 SM=\$105	\$210	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$370 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$185	\$ 0
ADDITIONAL SIZE FEE (IF ANY) (TOTAL PAGES OF SPEC AND DRAWINGS TOGETHER)						\$250 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 50 SHEETS	\$ 0
Independent Claims: 1, 8						TOTAL	\$ 0

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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A check in the amount of \$ 0 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

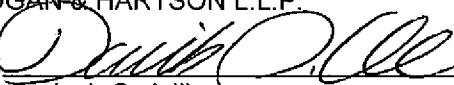
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